



U.S. BORDER PATROL HAVRE SECTOR

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Havre Border Patrol Sector Receives New Aircraft; *Patrolling the vast expanses of the U.S.-Canada border just got easier.*

HAVRE, Mont.—Havre Border Patrol Sector received a big boost to its ability to protect the nation's borders—a brand-new Cessna T206 turbo aircraft.

"This plane has been long-awaited in the Sector," said Havre Sector Chief Robert Finley. "The new plane replaces a much older Cessna 182.

"We use all our operational capabilities to catch illegal border crossers and drug smugglers," Chief Finley said. "However, with 454 miles of border to patrol in Havre Sector, our aircraft is a force multiplier which helps the entire Sector work more efficiently to help protect our Nation's borders."

The new plane with state-of-the-art avionics has a 315 horsepower engine with a cruising speed of 175 mph. It can carry six Border Patrol Agents and all their equipment; and it has a longer range than the aircraft that it replaces.

"We'll also be able to transport our agents more efficiently," Chief Finley said. "Havre Sector covers parts of five states—including almost all of Montana. We need a quick means of getting our agents to a site. Our new Cessna will fill this need."

"It can take more than a day to transit the Sector by car," Chief Finley continued. "Now we can collect, load and transport our patrol agents to a remote site in a matter of hours. This quick response time is critical in the law enforcement community."



PHOTO Caption:

Havre Border Patrol Sector recently received this new Cessna T206 turbo aircraft to help patrol its 454-mile U.S.-Canada border. Standing next to the aircraft are Havre's Chief Patrol Agent Robert Finley, and Border Patrol Pilot Joe Mulhern.

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